

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 6th, 2009
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "The Water Is Wide" Arranged by: Dan R. Edwards
The Bells of Bethel

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering Song "Bless The Lord, O My Soul"

Call to Worship (II Corinthians 1:2-3)

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.**

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

•**Hymn 302** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" (Red Hymnal) ADELAIDE

•**Call to the Prayer of Confession** (Joel 2:13)

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love. He relents from sending calamity.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (from Romans 6:10-11)

Leader: The death Christ died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives He lives for God.

People: **In the same way, we must count ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

•**Responding to God's Forgiveness - The Gloria Patri #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: II Chronicles 18:5-8

Anthem "I Cannot Tell" Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: I Timothy 4:1-3, 12-16

Sermon "Truth or Consequences" Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.12 - Red Hymnal)
•**Hymn 303** "Be Thou My Vision" (Red Hymnal) SLANE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes
Offertory "Parting" Barbara Werner
The Bells of Bethel

•**Doxology** (#592)

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 503** "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" (Red Hymnal) SALVATION

•**The Charge and Blessing**

•**The Congregational Response** #438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Postlude

WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We hope you will find a home for your heart and an opportunity to serve.